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HOARDING OF WATER

Thoughtlessness of Servants.

APPEAL BY P.W.D.

CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL.

The following statement on the water supply was issued this morning by the Hon. Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy):—

Many houses standing on elevated ground failed to obtain a supply of water last evening between 5 and 8 p.m.

This was found on investigation to be due to the thoughtless action of servants of houses at lower levels who were drawing off, between those hours, large quantities of water for storage overnight in bath-tubs and other utensils, and in some instances were even using water for gardening, although the regular garden supplies had been cut off.

Householders in all districts, but more particularly on the Middle and Upper Levels and Peak, are earnestly requested to co-operate in the conservation and equitable distribution of the water supply by properly supervising their servants: not merely by instructing them not to waste water, but by personally seeing that their instructions are carried out.

A satisfactory reduction in consumption has already resulted from the restrictions imposed yesterday.

FINAL SETTLEMENT OF REPARATIONS TO REMOVE ANXIETY IN EUROPE

EFFORTS TO INCREASE BRITISH BUDGET FIGURES.

NEW AND DRASTIC REDUCTIONS

THOUSANDS OF GALLONS WASTED THROUGH DEFECTIVE TAPS

HON. MR. BRAGA DENOUNCES PUBLIC DISREGARD

LIMITS OF THE HARBOUR PIPE LINE.

UNIVERSAL METERAGE FAVOURED

That thousands of gallons of water were being wasted daily through defective taps in clubs, offices and dwelling houses was emphasised by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, J.P., a Member of the Legislative Council, in an interview with a "China Mail" reporter to-day.

Mr. Braga denounced the total disregard on the part of many residents of Hong Kong to comply with the Government's appeal to use water with discretion and in consideration of the needs of others.

He said:—"As the community is aware, there is a special department of the Government, which concerns itself with the water supply for Hong Kong and Kowloon. This department is extremely well served by a highly technical staff, whose efficiency has been proved on more than one occasion in the past."

The crux of the question, at the moment, as he could see it was the

total disregard of the inhabitants on both sides of the harbour to co-operate with the Government in using their water with discretion, and with consideration for the needs of others. This disregard, he ventured to assert, had almost reached a point of selfishness where the comfort of the individual was that individual's sole concern, with the result that water is not used as economically as it should be. It is the duty of every member of the vast community to see that wastage in any form whatever is prevented."

Taps and Waste.

"It is a well known fact," he said, "that no tap can be constructed to be absolutely foolproof. In the clubs and the commercial buildings of the Colony, as well as residences, water runs to waste by thousands of gallons a day through defective taps, and everyone should see that this water waste is checked or minimised. Another very big misapprehension that is more or less generally in the minds of many people is that with the completion of the trans-harbour pipe line, Hong Kong has an inexhaustible supply of the precious fluid from the Shing Mun River. Too great stress cannot be laid on the desirability of dissipating this erroneous idea."

"The first essential to be remembered," he continued, "is that the

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LOYANG NOT A CENTRE OF IMPORTANCE.

No Need for British Representation.

LEADERS STILL IN NANKING.

London, Yesterday.

"No need has arisen for British diplomatic representation at Loyang," stated Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, in reply to a question this morning in the House of Commons.

The Chinese Government had never entirely transferred to Loyang, he pointed out, that several of its important members, including the Foreign Minister, through whom contact with the Chinese Government was maintained, continued to reside in Nanking. — Reuter.

FATAL FALL FROM U.S. AIRSHIP

Two Sailors Crash 200 Feet to Their Doom.

CRAFT CARRIED AWAY BY GUST OF WIND.

Breathless Crowds See a Third Rescued.

San Diego, Yesterday. — Two sailors crashed to death from a height of 200 feet after dangling till their strength gave out from the landing ropes of the giant U.S. Navy Airship Akron, which was attempting to land after a 3,000 mile trans-continental flight.

In a terrific wind 200 men tugged at the ropes while the airship was trying to moor. A sudden gust shot the craft up, carrying the groundsmen all of whom dropped off immediately except three, two of whom were killed. A third was swung wildly hither and thither while the airship was drifting.

Firemen were racing beneath with nets stretched out to catch the third sailor, but he secured a foothold on a rope which the crew aboard eventually pulled up, and rescued the danger while thousands of spectators gasped their relief. — Reuter's American Service.

PREMIER TO LEAVE NURSING HOME.

Reported To Be Making Good Progress.

London, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister, who continues to make good progress, will probably leave the Nursing Home towards the end of next week.

An earlier message stated that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald continued to make satisfactory progress. — British Wireless Service.

Mr. MacDonald last week underwent an operation on his right eye, his left eye having been operated upon some time previously.

IRISH FREE STATE'S NEW TEA TAX.

Twopence More Than Present Rate.

Dublin, Yesterday.

The full rate of the new tea tax is sixpence per lb. The preferential rate is fourpence per lb. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

8 Peruvian Sailors Shot.

The eight sailors who were connected with Sunday's mutiny aboard two Peruvian cruisers were executed to-day by shooting. 27 others were sentenced to terms of 10 to 15 years. — Reuter.

BRITISH ROAD TO RECOVERY

HIGH COST OF GENEVA.

League of Nations' Extravagance.

EXPENDITURE CRITICISED IN BRITISH NOTE.

Immediate Enquiry Urged.

Geneva, Yesterday.

That the League of Nations must economise like its constituent members, is the burden of a British Memorandum drawing attention to the progressive increase of expenditure, probably due "to an extension of activity to matters which, though of interest and importance, are not of immediate necessity."

The Memorandum asks for an immediate investigation of the report to be submitted at the next meeting of the Assembly. — Reuter.

Small Expert Committee.

London, Yesterday.

Sir John Simon said that the British Government had made no proposals for a specified reduction in expenditure on the League of Nations at the Council Meeting on Monday, but had proposed that a small expert Committee should be appointed to examine the whole question of League expenditure with the help of a Supervisory Committee and to report to the Assembly in September. — British Wireless Service.

CHECK FOR STERLING FLUCTUATIONS

HOME GOVERNMENT SCHEME FOR EXCHANGE EQUALISATION

DESIRE TO CO-OPERATE WITH EXPERT COMMERCIAL HOUSES.

POLICY OF THE FINANCE BILL

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Winston Churchill's urgent plea for International action to arrest the fall in prices was referred to by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Major W. Elliott, M.P., in the House of Commons to-day, who said that while the Government could not promise yet another conference in addition to the many already embarked upon, any attempt at friendly collaboration to work more and more along parallel lines to bring them more and more into relations with men of goodwill who were pursuing a similar policy to their own, would be welcomed and more than welcomed by the Government.

Two Phases of Policy: Major Elliott emphasised that the Finance Bill enshrined two phases of Government policy, one dealing with commerce, in which the essential part was the Tariffs Advisory Committee, and the other with currency. In the latter, an exchange equalisation fund of £150,000,000 was proposed to check sterling fluctuations and it would give them a period of smooth water. The Government desired to work not in opposition to but in harmony with the great British commercial houses who had expert knowledge and who had handled such problems for years to the acceptance of the world.

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SOVIET PILOT IN INDIA.

Armed Insurrection Advocated.

London, Yesterday.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, stated in the House of Commons to-day that an article in an organ of the Communist International advocating armed insurrection in India, had been considered in connection with the Soviet's undertaking relative to propaganda.

The British Government were of opinion that the Soviet Government and the Communist International could not be dissociated in these matters. He proposed speaking to the Soviet representative on the subject.

Major David J. Colville, M.P., Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department, replying to a question as to whether, in view of the recent preference given to Indian Tea, any steps were being taken to obtain from India a corresponding preference for Lancashire cotton goods, said that the question of various treatment of United Kingdom goods on importation into India would be discussed at the Ottawa Conference. — British Wireless Service.

HOOVER VETOES U.S. TARIFF BILL.

Designed To Protect Commerce Interests.

Washington, Yesterday.

President Hoover to-day vetoed the Democratic Tariff Bill, which was passed by the House of Representatives on April 22. — Reuter's American Service.

The Bill, which made no drastic change in the existing tariff, was designed to take from the President the power of altering duties, and provided for a committee to protect the consumers' interests.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEWERS.

"ALIAS FRENCH GERTIE."

Radio Pictures' talkie production "Alias French Gertie," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, unfolds an interesting story, in which a maid and a thief are in partnership in lifting safes for money and jewellery, without the aid of any tools.

Bebe Daniels, as the maid, Marie, acts well and uses her vocabulary of the French language very effectively. Ben Lyon, her husband in real life, who plays opposite her in the leading role of Jimmy Hartigan, is convincing. Robert Emmett O'Connor, as Detective Sergeant Kelcey, gives a fine performance, which is not without humour. After reforming, Bebe and Ben fall victims to another pair of crooks, John Ince and Daisy Belmore, whom they had trusted as friends. Ben seeks revenge, but Bebe forces him to turn over a new leaf, by shooting at him.

The Hearst newsreel, which precedes the attraction depicts the Lindbergh home, the kidnapped baby, and scenes at the home after the crime.

"Humanette," a novelty, featuring Benny Rubin, and an amusing comedy, entitled "Suffering Husbands" complete the programme of entertainment.

—CINE.

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"THIS RECKLESS AGE."

A new and stringent requirement that all motion picture atmosphere players must be able to speak naturally before the microphone was put into effect at the Paramount studios recently.

This new ruling will eliminate many extras from the "available" list for the highest class of work, but will improve vastly the status of those who are ambitious to play roles in pictures, it was explained.

"Ability to talk naturally is becoming more and more important for atmosphere players, especially for those used for small parts," Director Frank Tuttle stated.

Tuttle is using several groups of capable "dress extras" in "This Reckless Age," in which Charles "Buddy" Rogers, Richard Bennett, Peggy Shannon, Charlie Ruggles, Frances Dee and Frances Starr are featured.

This new ruling it was said, will

not effect the "mob" extras who are called only for big crowds where individual voices are not heard. "This ruling will make it more difficult for the newcomer to break into pictures," Fred Datig, Paramount casting director, said. "This Reckless Age" which is the King's Theatre's feature to-day, is a comedy-drama which portrays the home problems of sacrificing parents and their ultra-modern, unconventional children.

"OVER THE HILL."

One picture that has caused more casting troubles than any other film produced since the advent of talking pictures, is "Over The Hill," which opens next Sunday at the King's Theatre.

The key character of the story is "Ma" Shelby, mother of the brood around whom the plot revolves. Calling for an actress equipped to enact both a woman in her prime and an old lady in her declining years it required one who was a mistress of her art.

Realising the enormity of the task, Mr. Winfield Sheehan, Fox Vice President and General Manager in charge of production, took it upon himself to find this artist. He happened to recall an artist who had retired from the screen some twelve years ago, a star, who had abandoned a brilliant film career for the more important career of motherhood. But he recalled that she had refused many flattering offers to again face the camera. However, where others failed, Mr. Sheehan succeeded and Mae Marsh, favourite of silent days and star of "Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance" was induced to leave her own children and mother the film children in "Over The Hill."

Another key role, "Johnny," the good son, is played by James Dunn. It was while waiting for the start of "Over The Hill" that he was cast in "Bad Girl," the film that won him overnight stardom.

Mr. Sheehan put over another coup, perhaps the greatest of all. "Bad Girl" had hardly been released when his astute mind realised that the public would be clamouring for more of the James Dunn-Sally Eilers team, so he instantly cast Miss Eilers in the romantic feminine lead, again opposite Dunn.

The remaining players include James Kirkwood, Edward Crandall, Olin Howland, Claire Maynard and William Pawley among others. Henry King director of "Merely Mary Ann" directed the production.

"THE PAINTED DESERT."

Packed with dynamic drama, thrills and romance, "The Painted Desert," a Pathe western picture featuring William Boyd, Helen Twelvetrees, William Farnum and J. Farrell Macdonald is now showing at the Central Theatre. In "The Painted Desert," Bill Boyd has his finest picture in many months. A smashing cattle stampede and a race with death along a yawning canyon, driving a twenty-mile team like mad are but part of this thrilling story.

Helen Twelvetrees in the leading woman's role was appealing and artistic. William Farnum gives a performance worthy of his stellar reputation. J. Farrell Macdonald is excellent. Clark Gable, recruited from the stage, is the menace. Others in a cast who were seen to advantage, include Edmund Breese, Al St. John, Jerry Drew, Will Walling, Wade Boteler, Guy Edward Hearn, William LeMaire, James Donlan and George Burton. The picture was directed by Howard Higgin.

RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records.

6-6.17 p.m.—Stenka Razin (Glasgow), Orchestra of the Brussels Royal Conservatoire (L2183-4).

6.17-6.35 p.m.—Operatic.

Cello Solo—The Meistersingers—Prize Song (Wagner arr. Squire).

W. H. Squire (L2186).

Chorus—The Student Prince—Drinking Song (Donnelly & Romberg).

Raymond Marlowe, Paul Clemens, Olaf Olson and Chorus (9083).

Octet—The Bohemian Girl—Then You'll Remember Me (Balle arr. Sear).

Marianna—Scenes That are Brightest (Wallace, arr. Sear).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9107).

6.35-6.50 p.m.—Band Selections.

Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 1 (Elgar).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9080).

The Thistle (Myddleton, arr. Winterbottom).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9102).

6.50-7.40 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Duet—We'll Cling Together.

Norah Blaney & Gwen Farrar (DB121).

Vocal Duet—There Will Never be Another Mary.

Layton & Johnstone (DB123).

Xylophone Solo—The Squirrel Dance.

Rudy Starita (DB145).

Descriptive Sketch—Making a Talkie.

Clapham & Dwyer (DB134).

Humorous Song—Bigger and Better Than Ever.

Hold Your Glasses With Both Hands.

Up—Ella Logan (DB116).

Banjo Solo—In the Moonlight.

Le Fillis (DB81).

Vocal Duet—Happy Feet.

Layton & Johnstone (DB122).

Banjo Solo—Carry On—Ernest Jones (DB137).

Song—The Sunshine of Marcellas.

Maurice Turner (Baritone) (DB111).

Organ Solo—Cinderella Waltz.

Pattman (DB104).

Song—Aylesbury Ducks.

Malcolm McEachern (Bass) (DB132).

7.40-8 p.m.—Wembley Military Tattoo.

Played by the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Conducted by Capt. George Miller with the Stadium Choir directed by Henry Jackson (9073-4).

(These records are by special request.)

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.33 p.m.—Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

GIRLS TAKING TO PIPES?

Will the beach girls smoke pipes during the Summer?

A girl was seen recently on the Brighton front puffing contentedly at a briar, and inquiries show that many other women and girls are smoking pipes in the privacy of their own homes, says the News Chronicle.

A Shoreham-by-Sea tobacconist, who does a large business among county families, said:—

"You would be surprised at the number of women pipe-smokers there are, and lately there has been a demand for specially-made light briars."

"Some of them are encrusted with brilliants and cost anything up to £3 each."

"One of my women customers smokes a 'church-warden' and another a clay pipe."

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WATERLOO BRIDGE SCHEME.

Rebuilding Cost of £1,295,000.

An extraordinary position has suddenly developed in connection with the re-building of the Waterloo Bridge, says the Daily Telegraph. Sir Owen Williams, a distinguished engineer and one of the greatest authorities in this country on reinforced concrete, formally offered to do the work at an approximate cost of £1,295,000.

Sir Percy Eimmons, Chairman of the Improvements Committee of the Council, said that he hoped shortly to receive from Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, engineer, and architect respectively, appointed by the Council, their designs in accordance with the Council's recent decision.

Sir Owen's bridge would be built entirely of reinforced concrete.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels, and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "This Reckless Age."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Alias French Gertie."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Painted Desert."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Follow The Leader."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Last Of Mrs. Cheyne."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Trail of '98."

Lammerge's Auction.

To-morrow—At Sales Room, Household furniture, and one Zelas Kion Kinamo Cinema Camera, 2.80 p.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Idomeneus).

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Suwa Maru); Outward for America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (President Jefferson) 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively.

Meetings.

May 18—Fifty-first ordinary meeting of Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, noon.

May 19—Fifty-first ordinary General Meeting of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, noon.

May 27—Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., 59th meeting, Messrs. Jardine's Offices, 11 a.m.

May 27—China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 63rd Meeting, Messrs. Jardine's Offices, 11.15 a.m.

May 27—British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 66th meeting, Messrs. Jardine's Offices, 11.20 a.m.

May 28—Extraordinary general meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 11.80 a.m., at Hong Kong Hotel.

Miscellaneous.

May 23-24—Empire Fair at the Peninsula Hotel.

May 25—May Settlement of Hong Kong Stock Exchange and H.K. Sharebrokers' Association.

PATIENT'S REVENGE.

Story of Disfigurement.

Revenge for the disfigurement of his face by an operation performed by Dr. Gustav Alexander, the well-known ear specialist and professor of the Vienna University, is the motive alleged to be given to the police by a tailor named Soukup, who was arrested on a charge of shooting Dr. Alexander dead in the street recently. The professor was killed instantly by three revolver shots.

Soukup is alleged to have confessed that he previously attempted to kill the professor in 1910.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL
1—Large cask
4—A wagger
7—Portion
8—Showers
10—Pinch
11—Farm animal
12—An atom bearing an electric charge
14—To burn slightly
15—Three (Roman)
17—Exchanged
19—Slopes
21—A bristle (Surg.)
22—A mixture of snow, rain and hail
23—A tropical tree (pl.)
27—Jeer
31—Rebs
33—A heavy hammer for breaking stone
34—Army Ordnance Department (abbr.)
35—Appose

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
36—Worthy Grand Master (abbr.)
37—Japanese statesman
38—Combining form, Air
40—More liquid
41—Covered with ivy
42—Baseball
43—Allow

VERTICAL
1—Vehicle for moving furniture
2—Ascended
3—Lukewarm
4—Boasts
5—Frames for holding pictures
6—It is (Cenir)
7—Heard
8—To strike with sudden force

VERTICAL (Cont.)
12—Pronoun
13—Boy's name (short)
15—Feminine suffix
16—Suffix to denote an agent
18—Doctrine
20—To arrange in a line
21—Book of the Old Testament (abbr.)
24—Small particles
25—Guided
26—Thin piece of rock (pl.)
27—Part of a coat
28—Boy's name (abbr.)
29—Incited
30—Remark (abbr.)
32—Long-peaked wading bird
33—A slow or lazy person
37—Girl's name
38—Ritardando (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

Bringing Up Father.



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LAST NIGHT'S AQUATIC SPORTS AT Y.M.C.A.

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E. F. SELK DELIGHTS LARGE GALLERY WITH FANCY DIVING.

OUTSIDE MEMBERS LOSE RELAY

The first Swimming Gala to be staged in the Y.M.C.A. swimming bath attracted a large crowd last night. Keen competition was witnessed in all events and a touch of humour lent by E. F. Selk in the diving exhibition contributed in no small way to the success of this the first of a series of six monthly gala nights. Dancing in the West Lounge until midnight terminated a most enjoyable evening.

Interviewed at the conclusion of the aquatic sports by a "China Mail" representative, Mr. E. W. Railton, one of the most enthusiastic swimmers in the Colony, expressed the opinion that the Y.M.C.A. possessed some very good talent among its more well-known members and also had some very promising beginners who were taking their coaching very seriously which all pointed in the right direction — Success.

The first event was a 50 yards Free Style Handicap run off in heats—points being awarded to the first and second in each heat—points to be accumulative from each of the six monthly swimming galas to be held during the current swimming season. The outstanding performance in this event was that of R. Olver who returned the good time of 27.3/5 seconds whilst W. Stoker returned the useful figures of 30.3/5 secs. to win his heat.

Close Finish.

Excitement ran high in the second heat when only two seconds separated the competitors. The Swimming Committee will have an excellent "line" on handicaps for the next gala and no doubt each heat will see close finishes.

Miss Dalziel's Good Time.

The Ladies' event proved disappointing, due to the very few entries, only four ladies facing the starter when the race was announced. Miss A. Fowler and Miss A. Knill dead-heated for first place with Miss Sybil Dalziel two yards behind. The last named had to concede thirteen seconds to Miss Fowler and nine seconds to Miss Knill and although her time of 35 seconds was really good the handicap imposed was just too much.

Team Race.

The "Residents" team took the lead in the first fifty yards through W. Kerr but the Outside members No. 2 promptly reduced the lead and finished the second "fifty" with a six yard advantage. E. F. Selk went in as third man for the Residents and swam brilliantly to give E. Railton, a four yard advantage over R. Olver, which he managed to maintain over the final stretch to the lusty cheers of Resident supporters.

Diving Exhibition.

A high diving display by four of the "Y" members contributed in no small measure to an enjoyable evening. A certain "lady" complete with grey hair and old fashioned bathing suit (which flapped around "her" knees), performed a number of very clever and intricate dives. After a good deal of "sluething" I managed to run "Grandmother" to earth in the Gentleman's dressing room—and revealed the person of E. F. Selk, the popular and versatile Sports Secretary, writes a *China Mail* representative.

The Polo Match.

Excitement ran high when the two teams entered the water, and keen partisanship revealed itself among the spectators by their cheers and shouts as the teams lined up under Referee Weyman. The Residents defended the deep end in the first half, and seemed to concentrate on defence, the first E. Railton, W. Salmon, W. Kerr, three minutes seeing the ball continually at their end. From a break away by Railton and a well placed pass, White put through Harvey, who acted as starters and from close range. The Residents

RUGBY RECEIVES SHARP CRITICISM.

Brains Seems Lacking in Play.

GAME ON DECLINE.

Recently expert opinion launched a tirade against the decline of rugby in the Old Country. And there have been repercussions ever since. Here are some others' view, just as discerning and just as sharp. One fireside critic leaps up in arms and showers abuse on the game.

"Rugby football is getting too stereotyped to be attractive. Players lack imagination and versatility. Quick thinking seems to be beyond the powers of the average player."

"Since the destructive type of winging forward was introduced into the game after the war there has been no real advance, in the science and technique of Rugby."

"Why this should be is a mystery, for to-day the standard of intelligence among Rugby players is high. Some have proved copyists—some have endeavoured to emulate the South Africans in persistent kicking, to the detriment, rather than the benefit, of the game."

"The International matches have been devoid of new tactics; they have been indifferent exhibitions of orthodox Rugby. Surely there is sufficient brains in the thousands of teams in England, Scotland, and Wales to set a new fashion! Why leave it to colonial sides to give us all the new ideas?"

Another comments on the situation as follows:—

"If players were really enterprising there would be surprise elements in every first-class game. Though the character of the game has changed materially, players still adopt the old methods, though invariably they lead to nothing tangible. For instance, at the line—but forwards try to catch the ball, and, if successful, throw it to the backs."

"Always the movement is anticipated, and fast winging forwards fall back to strengthen the defence. If the ball was put to the ground and heeled back instead of being passed out direct those winging forwards would be involved in a loose scrum, and would be unable to cover up the defence."

"This is only one idea which could be put into operation with that surprise element about it to ensure variety and the prospect of scores."

"This brings us to the point as to whether trial matches are not a waste of time under present circumstances. Ought not they to be utilised to develop new plans? To-day they are farcical because they are ultra-orthodox, and because players are too concerned with themselves to risk anything savouring of the unusual or novel."

Then comes the last straw. The public are fed up.

"There is evidence that the public are tiring of these set movements which are short of the old thrills, and unless there is improvement interest will become luke-warm."

"Here and there suggestions are put forward for alterations to the rules in order to brighten the game. It is not the rules that are at fault, but the players. To use a cricket phrase there is too much 'stone-walling' in Rugby to-day. The hard hitters with a wide range of strokes are practically non-existent."

"If I were a club captain I should insist upon every first-class player in the side putting forward in turn a new theory (for discussion if not for adoption) on the weekly training night."

"The team that adopts such a scheme should soar to the heights from the put of mediocrity into which the game is falling."

There are some who doubt the value of all this criticism.

Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

CRICKET—Interport Nets.

TO-MORROW.

CHESS—Open Championship.

SATURDAY.

BOWLS—Full League Programme.

CRICKET—Interport XI leave for Shanghai at 3 a.m.

RACING—Sixth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

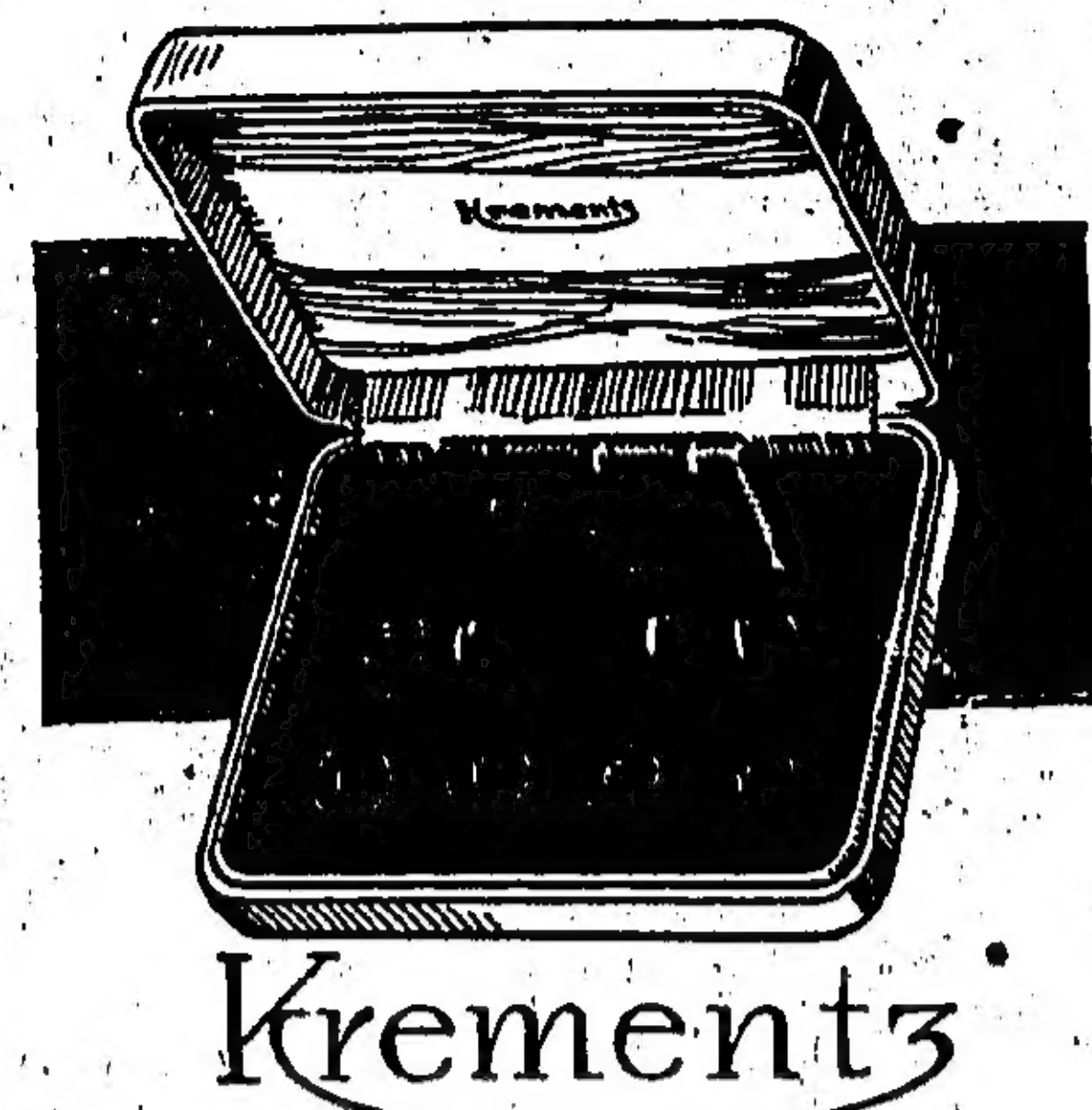
SUNDAY.

TENNIS—Mixed Doubles American Tournament at E.C.C.

OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TO-MORROW.

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De Stefani Gives Italy Victory Over Egypt

Grandguillot's Grand Effort

HENRIKSEN FEATURED IN TITANIC STRUGGLE AGAINST SCHAEFFER.

DENMARK SECURE ADVANTAGE

Egypt made a great but unavailing effort to defeat Italy in the first round of the Davis Cup at Genoa yesterday. Commencing the day a match in arrears Pierre Grandguillot placed his country on terms after having conceded the first two sets in a surprising manner. Tense excitement prevailed during the final match, but De Stefani was too experienced a player to allow the occasion to get the better of him and succeeded in giving Italy a narrow victory by 3 matches to 2.

At Copenhagen a magnificent game was witnessed when Henriksen and Schaeffer took the Court in the second round match between Denmark and Yugo-Slavia. After a very indifferent start Henriksen displayed brilliant form to stage a remarkable recovery and to give Denmark the lead. Fifty-six games were contested before Denmark's No. 2 ranking player emerged victorious. The other game was postponed owing to darkness when Ulrich of Denmark had lost the first set at 10-8.

ITALY'S NARROW WIN OVER EGYPT.

Wahid Collapses.

Genoa, Yesterday. As forecasted in the China Mail yesterday De Stefani proved too strong for Wahid in the singles encounter and was able to give Italy a narrow victory over Egypt in the first round match in the Davis Cup.

Pierre Grandguillot played brilliantly to defeat De Minerbi after losing the first two sets. It was a grand struggle the result of which placed the two countries on level terms. De Stefani, Italy's No. 1 ranking player, however, came to his country's rescue and defeated Wahid in straight sets.

Egypt will now meet Spain in the Second Round.

Results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:

Pierre Grandguillot (Egypt) beat De Minerbi (Italy) 1-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

De Stefani (Italy) beat Wahid (Egypt) 7-5, 6-4, 6-1.

Earlier results:—

Grandguillot brothers (Egypt) beat Sertorio and Delbono (Italy) 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.

De Stefani (Italy) beat Pierre Grandguillot (Egypt) 9-7, 6-1, 6-4.

De Minerbi (Italy) beat Wahid (Egypt) 6-3, 8-6, 6-3, 6-3.

HENRIKSEN'S DRAMATIC VICTORY.

Remarkable Recovery.

Copenhagen, Yesterday. After a thrilling struggle which lasted 56 games Henriksen, Denmark's No. 2 ranking player, succeeded in giving his country the lead in her second round encounter against Yugo-Slavia. The other

match, commenced in fast falling light, was left abandoned after Kukuljevic (Yugo-Slavia) had taken the first set from Ulrich at 10-8. The game will be continued to-morrow.

Henriksen, whose tennis has shown amazing improvement in recent months, commenced very shakily in his first big match of the season. Schaeffer broke through his service in the ninth game to give him the set at 6-4. This early disaster caused him some anxiety and he lost the second without securing a game.

The third set saw him come into his own and he walked away with the set at 6-3. The fourth set provided the tit bit of the present series of Davis Cup matches. Ding dong exchanges coupled with outstanding brilliance on the part of both players caused the set to go to twenty-two games before Henriksen broke through his opponent's service to draw on level terms at 13-11. With the taste of victory still sweet in his mouth Henriksen found little difficulty in winning the final set at 6-1. It was a magnificent recovery and augurs well for the fighting spirit of the Danish player should he decide to enter the lists at Wimbledon.

A mild sensation was caused when Ulrich dropped the first set to his opponent, but it is understood that the bad light proved a great handicap to his game. Denmark look like entering the Third Round where she will encounter Jiro Sato and the might of Japan fresh from their conquest of Greece.

Results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—

Henriksen (Denmark) beat Schaeffer (Yugo-Slavia) 4-6, 0-6, 6-3, 13-11, 6-1.

Kukuljevic (Yugo-Slavia) leads Ulrich (Denmark) 10-8.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FOR LEEDS

Swinton's Rally Broken by Only Try Scored Against Them in Tournament.

REMARKABLE GOAL-KICKING.

Leeds 11
Swinton 8

The Rugby League Challenge Cup is in the safe keeping of Leeds, who beat Swinton in the final at Central Park, Wigan, by four penalty goals and a try to four penalty goals. As the score indicates, it was not the ideal contest that had been predicted. Half a gale of wind, a new and lively ball on a dry surface, excitement, and the unusual rigour with which Mr. Peel administered the scrum-laws were factors which contributed to a match that fell below expectations.

It was interesting without being spectacular, but it was notable for the almost uncanny accuracy of Thompson, of Leeds, and Hodgson, of Swinton, in their kicking of penalty goals. Before the game was twenty minutes old the Leeds captain had placed four goals with successive shots from all angles. There were four scrummed offscouts by Bryn Evans, the Swinton captain, and the fourth from Billy

ing-the-ball fault. Not only did Swinton have to face the wind during the first half, but an eight points deficit so early in the game was a depressing burden. When Hodgson kicked his first goal against the wind and made the interval score 8-2 the situation from a Swinton point of view was by no means hopeless.

The manner in which Swinton played in the first ten minutes of the second half suggested the possibility of a characteristic recovery on the part of the League champions, and Hodgson improved the outlook when he kicked his second goal four minutes after the resumption. In the eleventh minute, however, a free kick enabled Brough, the Leeds full-back, to drive back the Swinton attack for the first time, and a bungled pass in mid-field gave Leeds their match-winning chance.

The Deciding Try

O'Rourke, who had the opportunity and Harris, the first Leeds player, (Continued in Column 2)

MIRACLE UPSETS BACKERS FOR THE DERBY.

Victory In Newmarket Stakes For Lord Rosebery.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday. The Epsom Derby situation has been made perplexing for backers by the easy win of Lord Rosebery's Miracle in the Newmarket Stakes.

Miracle (10-1) entirely reversed his Guineas form to beat Rolling Rock (7-1) by four lengths. Bulandshar (6-4) came third, being three-quarters of a length behind Rolling Rock.

lian on the Leeds right wing, was sent careering away towards the Swinton line. Rees had not sufficient pace to reach him, but Harris had yet to pass Scott, the Swinton full-back, running diagonally across the field to meet him. It was a tense moment, but the Swinton man was a fraction of a second too late and Harris avoided a tackle and scored the only try that Swinton have conceded throughout the whole of the competition. Seven points behind, the situation from a Swinton point of view seemed hopeless, but with great tenacity they stuck to their task. Hodgson kicked two more penalty goals—he never missed a chance. Green failed by inches to reach the line, and Butters was held up after a great effort.

The winning of the toss decided the match. Swinton had plenty of luck, but no luck. There was a difficult, uphill fight all through, and they deserve some measure of sympathy in their defeat and failure to create the record by winning the trophy for the fourth time, but, at the same time, it is impossible to evade the thought that they did not prove themselves quite as adaptable as usual to the conditions. Leeds took their chance and played better than they have done for some time. It was their third Cup success, and, on the run of the play, it was deserved. They were beaten for possession in the scrum-mages, but proved much more efficient in three-quarter back play. In addition, their forwards denied to Swinton their usual freedom of action in the loose.

The attendance of 29,000 and receipts of £2,450, were a long way below expectations. It was the smallest "gate" since 1926, and the lowest financial return for a Cup final since 1923.

Teams.
Leeds:—Brough; Harris, Moore, O'Rourke, Goldthorpe; Williams, Adams; Thompson, Lowe, Smith (R.), Cox, Douglas, and Glossop. Swinton:—Scott; Buckingham, Green, Evans (H.), Kenny; Evans (B.), Rees; Strong, Armit, Wright, Hodgson, Beswick, and Butters.

EVENING CRICKET MAY GET REAL TRIAL.

Supporters Among Workers.

INCREASING POPULARITY.

How many county cricket clubs will take advantage of the revision of the rule enabling them to play until a later hour?

It would certainly be no bad thing in thickly populated industrial centres, for at present, except for holiday periods and Saturdays, the artisan classes get little opportunity of witnessing the first-class game and, so far as week-end is concerned, there is powerful competition from the League clubs.

May Improve. A man who finishes the day's labours at five o'clock has little to induce him to rush off to the county ground for, perhaps at most, half an hour's play.

Assure him of play until eight o'clock he might eventually be as strong as the after-lunch brigade is at present. Which, inferentially, is of itself an argument for later start. At most matches the morning crowds are merely scattered handful and the atmosphere is that of a quarter-filled theatre. Counties certainly would not stand to lose by holding up the start, though the leisurely sections of the community might find it cutting in on their social and domestic amenities.

Backbone of Game. It may be argued that these self-same leisured or semi-leisured sections are the present backbone of the game.

If they are it is because those with less time are from force of circumstances debarred from giving their interest a practical expression. The argument that the amateur element in the playing strength would give the experiment the stony stare is not of sufficient strength to combat the obvious advantages which would ensue. At any rate, it is worth a trial.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN RINKS.

Saturday's League Encounter.

The following will represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First team v. Kowloon Dock (away):—

A. K. Taylor, J. Rodger, R. S. Nichol, and W. Russell (Skip).

R. Duncan, F. V. Whitta, E. W. L. Hogbin, and A. M. Holland (Skip).

H. P. Stoneham, D. W. Phillips, H. H. Rose, and H. Nish (Skip).

Reserves: C. Hart and S. Adams.

NUN'S VEIL TRIUMPHS AT NEWMARKET.

Lady Hurry Filly Beaten By Two Lengths.

Newmarket, Yesterday. In the Two-Year-Old Stakes run here to-day Nun's Veil (11-4) came home two lengths ahead of Lady Hurry Filly (8-1) from a field of fourteen. Volcanus (100-8) secured third place, being one and a half lengths behind Lady Hurry Filly.—Reuter.

YANKEES WIN AGAIN.

Strong Bid in American Baseball League.

THREE GAMES IN HAND.

New York, Yesterday. The following were the results of the Baseball games played to-day:—

National League.	
Cincinnati 4 Philadelphia 1	
St. Louis 3 Brooklyn 6	
(after twelve innings.)	
American League.	
New York 3 St. Louis 0	
—Reuter's American Service.	

TABLES TO DATE.

National League.		Percent.	
	P. W. L.		age
Chicago	23 17 5	73.9	
Boston	21 13 8	61.9	
Cincinnati	26 14 12	53.8	
Philadelphia	23 12 11	52.1	
St. Louis	25 11 14	44.0	
New York	21 9 12	42.8	
Brooklyn	21 8 13	38.0	
Pittsburgh	22 7 15	31.8	
American League.		Percent.	
	P. W. L.		age
Washington	22 17 5	77.2	
New York	19 13 6	68.4	
Detroit	20 13 7	65.0	
Cleveland	26 16 10	61.5	
Philadelphia	21 9 12	42.8	
St. Louis	26 11 15	42.3	
Chicago	23 6 17	26.9	
Boston	21 4 17	19.0	

Home Run Leaders.

Bill Terry (New York Giants) 7	
Jimmie Fox (Philadelphia Aths.) 7	
Babe Ruth (New York Yankees) 6	
Averill (Cleveland Indians) 6	
Cochrane (Philadelphia Aths.) 5	
Byrd (New York Yankees) 4	
Lou Gehrig (New York Yankees) 4	
Gehringer (Detroit Tigers) 4	

Second team v. K.C.C. (2nd)

(home):—	
G. H. Sheriff, J. S. Logan, W. E. Hale, and W. S. Drake (Skip).	
G. N. Mitchell, J. McIntosh, J. S. Meyer, and F. L. Rapley (Skip).	
S. Ashworth, W. Venables, T. Gooding and V. Petherick (Skip).	
Reserves: C. L. Farmer and T. Hard.	

FIELD FLOOD AND RING

By Athole

Harrow's Success.

Harrow, for the second year in succession won the Public School Rackets Championship when R. Pulbrook and J. H. Pawle defeated Rugby School (R. A. Gray and R. F. Lumb) in the final at Queen's Club by four games to two (15-18, 15-12, 15-6, 11-15, 15-9, 15-12). They won the title last year, and as Pulbrook is, I am given to understand, staying on for another year and Pawle for two more years, it seems likely that Harrow will guard this championship for some time to come.

Light Blues for Olympiad.

The selection of crews to represent Great Britain in the rowing events at the Olympic Games at Los Angeles this Summer is expected to be made immediately following the Henley Regatta in July. Many crews are anxious to make the trip, but so far as the eights are concerned, many good judges would like to see the Cambridge Boat Race crew given an opportunity of rowing for their country in the games. There are difficulties in the way, of course. Competition at Henley is one of the conditions of Olympic selection, and though Cambridge may take part they will do so not as a Varsity crew but under Leander Club colours.

Nothing Definite.

Mr. H. R. N. Rickett, the Cambridge president who is also the new Leander captain, declares that nothing has been decided so far, and is not likely to be discussed until the beginning of the university term. Americans naturally would welcome the prospects of a winning Boat Race crew competing at Los Angeles.

International Women's Golf.

The British women's team to meet America in the International golf match—the first official women's encounter between the two nations—at Wentworth, Virginia, Water, Surrey, on Saturday, May 21, has been announced by the Ladies' Golf Union as follows:—

Miss Joyce Wethered (England) (Capt.), Miss Wanda Morgan (England), Miss Enid Wilson (England), Miss Diana Fishwick (England), Miss Elsie Corlett (England), Miss D. Park (Scotland), Miss Molly Gourlay (England), and Mrs. J. B. Watson (Scotland).

Not Selected Players.

The L. G. U. originally named twelve players from whom the final selection would be made. Those not chosen are Mrs. P. Garon (Thorndon Park), Miss D. Pim (Royal Portrush), and Miss B. Pyman (Royal Portcawl).

Hagen Again Competing.

Walter Hagen, four-times winner of the British open tournament, will be a competitor for this year's event, which will be decided at Prince's Sandwich. Hagen has not been as prominent in American golf since his return from his tour of Australia with Kirkwood, but latest advice states that the famous American is again displaying enthusiasm for the game.

Hagen has already won two British opens at Sandwich. These were in 1922 and 1928 and it will be interesting to see if he can perform the hat-trick at Sandwich.

Tommy Armour, who won the title last season, will also be a competitor. Other prominent American professionals also intend competing in the tournament.

Constantine and West Indies.

There is much speculation in the West Indies as to whether L. N. Constantine, E. St. Hill, and Francis will be available for the West Indies team when they tour England in 1933. Constantine's original agreement with Nelson, which ended last season, included a clause that he should be released for all Test matches in which the West Indies were engaged in England providing his services were required.

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Australia v Cuba.

The second round encounter in American Zone of the Davis Cup between Australia and Cuba is to commence to-morrow at Havana.

Australia had favoured New York or New Orleans for the competition, but Cuba's wishes prevailed. Gustavo Vollmer, who has participated in various Florida tournaments recently, Ricardo Morales, Lorenzo Nodarse, Jose Aguerro, and Joaquin Pardo are among the outstanding candidates for the Cuban team. Play will continue on Saturday and Sunday.

Champion Recovering.

Playing for the first time at Milan since her illness and the operation on her eyes, Fraulein C. Aussem has been taking part in the Italian championships.

Though not quite up to her usual form, she nevertheless beat Mme. Bertlet, of France, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4.

This is good news to lovers of tennis as Fraulein Aussem was last year's lady champion at Wimbledon, defeating Fraulein Krahwinkel, also of Germany, by 6-2, 7-5.

Princes For King's Cup.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George have entered machines for the King's Cup Air Race on July 8 and 9. The race, which is open to amateurs who have flown for 110 hours, has so far attracted 48 entrants.

The Prince of Wales' competing aircraft is a Cowper Swift and Prince George's is a Puss-Moth.

Six Women Enter.

Amongst entries for the air race round Britain there are six women. Mrs. L. H. Rhodes-Moxhouse, widow of the first pilot to win the Victoria Cross, has entered a Moth, and Lady Bailey and Mrs. A. S. Butler have entered Puss Moths. Miss Winifred Brown, the winner in 1930, is flying an Avian, Miss Winifred Spooner, a Moth, and Miss F. P. Crossley, the sixth entry, is the only woman flying a new Cowper Swift.

Prospects at First Gloomy.

At the beginning of the year, the prospects for the race were gloomy, for the Aero Club had introduced a rule barring all commercial firms and pilots from entering. This, however, has been withdrawn and the finest craft that Britain can produce will now be represented.

Derby Favourite.

Orwell, which won the Two Thousand Guineas, is now the Derby favourite at 2-1. He has already won £27,912 in stakes.

Last year, as a two-year-old, he ran in six races, of which he won five, and was third in the other. During that time he ran under the name of "Golden Hair." He was third in the Great Surrey Foal Plate and won the Chesham Stakes, National Breeders' Produce Stakes, Champagne Stakes, Imperial Produce Stakes, and the Middle Park Stakes.

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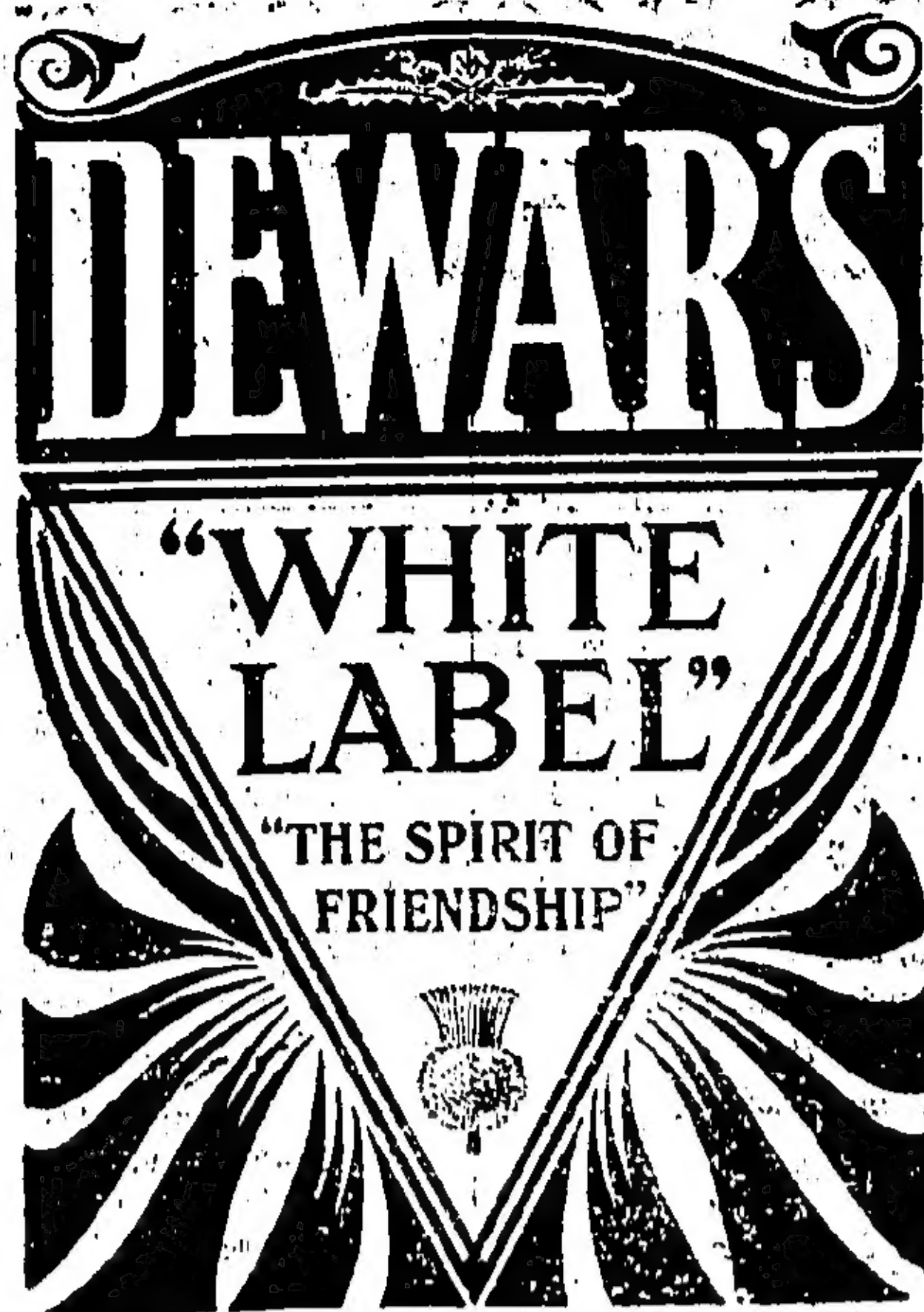
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A United China.

The statement by a leading member of the Nanking Government that it is intended in future to adopt a policy of conciliation towards internal affairs in China with the aim of ending civil war and internal strife, is an assuring sign that China is at long last beginning to take stock of herself. If any credence can be given to this promise by an often-deceived and therefore sceptical world, it should be welcomed not only by merchants and business men generally whose affairs are influenced by the course of events in China, but by every thinking man and woman who is anxious for the regeneration of this vast and promising land. In recent years China has presented to the world the tragedy of the century, for with all her vast resources, her mineral wealth and her incalculable prospects as an industrial centre, her richness has lain fallow, her fields and cities trampled on and destroyed by war and banditry, and the schemes of the handful of patriots who planned gloriously for her future dashed to the ground by the self-seeking aims of her militarists.

The Nanking Government now seeks to avoid a recurrence of any further expensive military campaign, thus helping to conserve National resources both in materials and man power. Where in the past the Government has been compelled to adhere to a "policy of strict centralisation," in the future it proposes to abstain from coercing any province that may be inclined to adopt a particularist policy. It is felt that the reorganisation of the internal machinery within the areas in which the Government exercises full political control will enable the administration to obviate the distraction arising from friction with the "outer ring" of provinces. This will conceivably create within those areas the impression that close co-operation with the Government is the policy that pays best. The Government has at last come to realise that political consolidation is best achieved by an abandonment of the feudal belief that opposition is more effectively overcome by the use of force. If these intentions are not mere words, there is the likelihood that China's long experiment with decentralisation of the first five years of the Revolution.

The recent "war" with Japan undoubtedly taught the Chinese people that without unity the country is at the mercy of all who may have designs upon it; and it would seem from the change of attitude in regard to its internal affairs to which we have referred, that China has taken the lesson to heart. At least the offer by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei to hold a conference with the Southern factions and negotiate for peace, however it may be construed, is a manoeuvre of deep significance. For the first time for many years the leaders have made pacific overtures instead of taking the usual course and rushing troops to the scene, and though this may be due to lack of funds and supplies rather than to any moral principle, it undoubtedly foreshadows an era of sanity in the Chinese domestic puzzle.

The most valuable effect of this statement on the Nanking Government's intentions will be to restore confidence abroad. Of course, promises of this kind have been made before, and they have not been kept; but there are indications that China now realises the deplorable state into which the country has fallen and feels that if ever she is to emerge from the political morass she must begin her plans of regeneration without delay. Once confidence is restored and the elements of political unity are achieved, the prosperity of the country is assured. Foreign capital, now tied up in countries which are on the verge of insolvency, will once more flow into China and will assist in the creation of an industrial Utopia such as the world has not known for generations. Roads and railways will be constructed, opening up rich areas which are now entirely cut off from ports and cities, and with the development of communications will come an enormous expansion of her export trade.

A united China means wealth and prosperity and a reorganisation of the country on well-planned, efficient lines; a disunited China means war, famine and poverty, always with the menace of foreign aggression. Her fate is in her own hands and she is free to choose. Provided that China has the vision and the courage to overcome the titanic obstacles which twenty years of misrule and chaos have engendered, she should be able within a generation to create for herself a position as one of the leading powers in the world. And if she is sincere in her intentions, there is no foreign nation which would not gladly assist her.

Personal Pars.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. Matthews sailed on the s.s. Antenor, for Home yesterday.

Captain J. Taylor was among the passengers sailing for Home yesterday by the s.s. Antenor.

Among the passengers bound for Home per the s.s. Antenor yesterday, were Captain and Mrs. A. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dawson, accompanied by their two sons, were among the passengers bound for Home yesterday on the s.s. Antenor.

Commander H. A. Shears, R.N., has been appointed to H.M.S. Kent, flagship of the China Station, and will be fleet navigation officer in succession to Commander G. P. Bowen, O.B.E.

At the Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, on May 18, a dinner will be held in honour of Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Divisional Superintendent of Police, who is leaving Hong Kong on retirement on May 21.

News in Brief.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Pakhoi, on account of small-pox, have been removed.

At the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, at 6 p.m. to-day, Mr. B. Paul will speak on "Karma—Action and Reaction."

CHECK FOR STERLING FLUCTUATIONS.

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world. — British Wireless Service.

Overseas Trade.

A substantial reduction in the value of imports, accompanied by a marked increase in that of exports is shown in the Overseas Trade returns for April.

The value of imports in April totalled \$53,227,000, compared with \$61,119,000 in the preceding month, and \$69,960,000 in March, 1931. Exports in April, were valued at \$34,782,000.

In the previous month the total was \$31,196,000, and in April of last year, \$32,489,000. The excess of imports over exports in April was \$18,804,000. Last month the excess was \$24,499,000, and in April of last year there was an excess of \$30,878,000.

Cheaper Living.

As measured at the Board of Trade, the average of wholesale prices in April showed, on balance, a decline of 2.2 per cent. as compared with March. Index numbers for two months were 85.7 and 87.6 respectively. These are based on index figure for 1930 equalling 100.

Stocks Improve.

On the Stock Exchange the Gilt-edged Market was very active and quotations for British Government Stocks were substantially higher.

The funding loan just touched 99 1/2, but later fell back to 99 1/4. Six of the principal British Government securities showed an appreciation of over £13,000,000, the market receiving a fillip from the Chancellor's forecast of further economies in Government expenditure.

MENINGITIS VICTIM

Funeral of Mrs. Mitchell at Happy Valley.

The funeral of Mrs. Agnes Jean Mitchell, wife of Warrant Officer Conductor G. J. Mitchell, R.A.O.C., whose death from meningitis occurred yesterday, took place at the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

The service at the graveside was conducted by the Military Chaplain, and there was a large attendance, among whom were Lieut.-Col. W. N. Stokes, Major Shilling, Capt. O'Reilly, Lieut. Mockler, Lieut. Packe, Lieut. Carrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. P. Pamplin, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. J. Gekka, and Mr. F. Hynes.

Wreaths included those from the husband and son, Sgt. Major C. Anderson (brother), "Nell, Olive and John," Sister Chit, Dode and June, the O.C. and other Officers of the R.A.O.C., various local Military units and Messes, and the Ordinance Ladies Club.

Thousands Of Gallons Wasted Through Defective Taps

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Colony depends upon the rainfall for its supply of water. Records of the past few years had shown that the rainfall of Hong Kong was more or less uncertain. It had been established more than once that Hong Kong is subject to two extremes in the matter of rainfall. Either there is too much, or there is too little.

Too Little Rain.

"At the present time" he remarked, "we are suffering from too little rain, as the figures recorded by Mr. Jeffries and his staff at the Observatory will convince even the most casual observer. The rainfall up to the present time this year, is just a little over half the quantity of the average, and with the reservoirs rapidly depleting it becomes the bounden duty for every individual member of the community to ensure that the bitter experiences and hardships on the poor class in particular of 1929 are not repeated this year."

"It suffices to urge upon the community the very large expenditure of \$350,000 on water during the last severe drought for a three days' normal requirements of the Colony, in order to bring home very forcibly to every resident the absolute necessity of guarding against wastage."

"One need only contemplate this enormous expenditure to realise the danger and risk to which the Colony is exposed by a total disregard of the warning issued against wanton waste."

A Fine Example.

Mr. Braga commends the thoughtful concern of the management of a leading establishment in the city catering for the public, in the display of a prominent card over every wash basin, asking patrons to co-operate with the Government in its appeal against water wastage. The example set by the establishment in question is one which may be followed with advantage by every

business house in Hong Kong. Thus Mr. Braga expressed his approval of the appeal which he observed for the first time at the luncheon hour yesterday.

Continuing, Mr. Braga said that for some time past the declared policy of the Government for universal meterage had been very much under discussion. It has been demonstrated that the consumption of water in Kowloon is much less than on the Island, and this is attributed very largely to the existence of rider mains in certain districts of the Island which do not exist in Kowloon. The explanation was that people who have to pay for their water are more careful than those who enjoy the benefit of the rider main system.

Universal Meterage.

"The policy long since advocated for universal meterage must be put into effect as soon as the arrangements now in progress are completed," said Mr. Braga.

Replying to a question concerning the sea water scheme Mr. Braga said that the question had been gone into very closely by technical advisers to the Government concerning the provision of a separate system in order to provide for the distribution of sea water, but it would be too costly. Sea water had been used by the Sanitary Department for a few years now, for street and side-channel cleansing, and it helped to save filtered water from being used for that purpose.

"On the other hand, Macao may be cited as an example for the successful use of sea water for street watering, and for cleansing purposes, but the physical conditions of Hong Kong and the small settlement of Macao are so entirely different that what is feasible there may not be made to work so successfully here."

"To sum up the position," he concluded "no better advice can be given to the community at large than that sinful waste makes woeful want."

\$300 ROBBERY IN BUS.

Silk Coat Cut Away at Pocket.

KOWLOON VICTIM.

A daring robbery occurred on a Kowloon Motor Bus during the tiffin rush hour yesterday.

Mr. Wong Pak-kan, the proprietor of the Jones Furniture Store, Nathan Road, reported to the Police that he boarded the vehicle at Jordan Road on his way to the Star Ferry. By the time the bus had reached the Central British School, he discovered that someone had cut through the outer pocket of his silk coat and extracted his brown leather wallet containing \$305 from his inside pocket.

The thief was not discovered, although the bus had not proceeded more than 500 yards during the time the robbery was alleged to have occurred.

ROBBERY CHECKED.

Information Given to the Police.

Resulting from a raid made early on Sunday morning on the second floor of 41 Woosung Street, Yaumatei, two men, Lo Chau-sing and Wong Kau, were charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday afternoon, with the unlawful possession of two revolvers.

Inspector F. W. Shaftain prosecuted, and said that at the Yaumatei Police Station, after arrest, the second defendant took all responsibility for both weapons. His Worship discharged the first defendant.

An Old Offender.

Inspector Shaftain said that second defendant had been sentenced in 1925 to seven years for armed robbery. The Police received information that robbery would be committed last Saturday evening by a gang, which included the two defendants. They stepped in and the gang's plans were frustrated. The Witness passed sentence of one year and a month on the second defendant, and three months on the possession of the revolvers.

DEATH SENTENCE QUASHED.

Sequel to Murder of a Money-Lender.

Ipoh, May 2.

The F.M.S. Court of Appeal has quashed the sentence of death passed on Ishhar Singh at the Perak Assizes for the murder of a money-lender at Sitlawan.

The prosecution alleged that five persons were present on the night preceding the murder and by a process of elimination the evidence pointed to Ishhar Singh as being the person who committed the crime.

The motive was alleged to be that Ishhar Singh was dissatisfied with certain money transactions and had threatened the money-lender.

Mr. Dunford Wood, for the appellant, pointed out that six and not five persons had been present the night before the murder. Therefore the prosecution's process of elimination left two persons, Ishhar Singh and a man named Blashen Singh. Blashen Singh had been produced at the trial by the prosecution for examination only.

Mr. Justice Thorne, the acting Chief Justice, in allowing the appeal, said that the trial judge should have stopped the case at the end of the prosecution evidence. The trial judge, in his summing up, had misdirected the assessors.

MAINTENANCE CASE.

The case in which Mrs. William Wan, a Norwegian woman, is suing her husband, William Wan, a Chinese, for maintenance, was again mentioned at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. D. L. Strellett, appearing on behalf of the complainant, applied for an adjournment sine die. His Worship granted the application. Mr. O. E. C. Marton was for the defendant at the previous hearing.

PROSPECT FOR HELIUM.

Los Angeles.

The city council has passed an ordinance permitting the United States Bank to sink a well in the San Fernando valley to determine whether helium or radioactive water exists there. The Bank represents a group of capitalists who claim both helium and radioactive water could be found.

Local Tributes To M. Doumer

Striking Address by the Rt. Rev.
Bishop Valtorta

NAVAL SALUTE SOUNDED IN
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

FRENCH ADMIRAL AT SERVICE

Tribute was paid in Hong Kong to the late President Doumer this morning, when the sung Requiem Mass (L. Perosi) and the funeral obsequies took place in St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

Mass was said by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Desvazieres, assisted by Fr. Teruzzi and the Clergy of the Seminary, the music being sung by a three voice choir, with Prof. Gualdi at the organ.

The feeling of the solemn musical tone of the Mass was intensified by the sounding of the bugle in the Naval Salute at the Elevation, and the "Last Post" after the blessing of the Catafalque. The Band of the Marines of the French cruiser, Waldeck Rousseau were present and provided the music, being assisted by the organ.

Last Rites Said.

After Mass the Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta, delivered an address and then said the last rites.

Shortly before 11 o'clock crowds flocked to the Church, Naval and Military representatives in full dress uniform with crepe bands on the left arm. The Consular body was represented, also members of the Legislative Council, Sisters of the French Convent, Clergy from the Seminary, the French community, and also many members of the local foreign community.

Notable among the congregation were the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., the Officer Administering the Government, Vice-Admiral Herr, Commander in Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Far East, M. G. Dufauré de la Prade, French Consul-General, A. H. Walker, O.B.E., Brigadier R. B. Cousens, D.S.O., Acting G.O.C., and Commodore.

Mourning For A Month.

After the blessing of the Catafalque, the Marines of the Waldeck Rousseau played "The Marseillaise" and "God Save The King".

France will continue in mourning for one month, and all over the world as in Hong Kong the memorial service will have been held. Flare throughout the Colony will be flown at half-mast throughout the day, and every hour from 7 a.m. this morning to 8 p.m. This evening one gun will be fired on the Waldeck Rousseau and H.M.S. Tamar.

The French Navy will continue this mark of respect during the period of mourning.

His Lordship said: The following address was then delivered by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta:—

By the death of President Doumer France has not merely lost a President, but one who proved himself an able and kindly administrator to whom, in his old age, his country could give her highest trust. He will be remembered in the East by his work in Indo-China; to the people of France he was endeared, perhaps more than by anything else, by the fact that his father's heart bled four times for the cause of his country in the life-blood poured out on the battlefields by four of his sons. All make his country "mourn him for these things would be sufficient to many days." They would make other countries more sympathetic in the formal expressions of regret customary on the death of a great man. But they would not give rise to the "great lamentation," coupled with a sense of horror, shared, at the moment, with France by every country of the world.

The reason is not far to seek. President Doumer did not simply die, he was murdered. And murder is an outrage to our deepest feelings. We may read in our morning paper of a motor accident, of an earthquake, and ask, comparatively, unmoved, how many lives were lost. If the President had contracted a chill at the function which he was gracing and died in consequence, the world would have been quite differently affected by his death. He was murdered and so we are deeply stirred, we are horrified.

PRETENDER TO THRONE OF ABYSSINIA.

Claims to Be
Emperor.

A pretender to the throne of Abyssinia is destitute at Paarl, South Africa.

He claims to be the Emperor of Abyssinia, the King of Kings of Ethiopia, by tradition a descendant of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

This man is Jegreffa Zarani, an African, who is unemployed and penniless, says Reuter's Cape Town correspondent. He has applied to the local magistrate for relief, and offered to do any kind of manual labour for the sake of his keep. It was then that he told his fantastic story, although he has been living in Paarl since 1923.

He states that he was born in 1878, and was the eldest son of King Menelik by his favourite wife. Before the throne fell vacant, he says, he went off on a warlike expedition. He made a compact with the Arabs to fight against the British in the Sudan, and was promised large territories in Mozambique as a reward for success.

As an ally of the Arabs, he declares, he encountered Lord Kitchener, who persuaded him to forsake the army of which he was commander-in-chief and throw in his lot with the British.

Lord Kitchener, the Pretender alleges, saved his life later when the Portuguese in East Africa sentenced him to death for alleged murder.

The man claims to have followed the British Army through the Boer War, in which he served as batman to a Major Williams.

Though his story seems fantastic, it is remarkable that he knows the names of members of the royal families and the various factions in Abyssinia. The argument that he might have studied the subject in text books has against it the fact that he does not know how to spell all the names in English, and gives phonetic versions of them, which differ slightly from the spelling of the books.

"Prince" Jegreffa described how the Emperor Menelik's daughter, Zauditu, came to the throne, when he himself actually should have done so, and declares that Ras Tafari Makonnen is really occupying the throne that should be his.

ENGLISHMEN'S BAD HABIT.

The Archbishop of York, speaking at a North Lincolnshire rally of the Workers' Educational Association, at Scunthorpe, on April 11, said that the ideal of democracy was the development of a spirit of fellowship that was compatible with independence of thought, but one of the troubles about democracy was that it often tended the other way.

It was the appalling habit of Englishmen to read newspapers which held the same opinions as they did, but he thought it a moral principle to read the other side as well, because there was sure to be some truth in it. Present-day democracy, instead of giving people an independence of mind, with a spirit of fellowship tended to give a spirit of pugnacity.

Speaking of progress, Dr. Temple said that there were few things so important as trying to get a clear notion as to what was really meant by "progress." The development of fast travel and wireless and such things were not, in themselves, progress. It was perfectly clear that they might be the tools of progress, but they did not actually constitute it, and, moreover, they might do a good deal in the wrong direction.

VERSATILE MAESTRO.

Raleigh, N. C. Major P. W. Price, director of the military band at North Carolina State College, has been at various times in his career, mill worker, professional athlete, textile instructor and a member of the Boston symphony orchestra.

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UNEASINESS IN NORTH CHINA.

Japanese Troops Are
Provocative.

THREAT TO SHANHAIKUAN.

Troops Provocative.

Nanking, Yesterday. Reports from North China continue to contain disturbing news in regard to the situation at Shanhaikuan. According to Chinese reports, the attitude of the Japanese troops there is "extremely provocative," and it is stated that Chang Hsueh-liang's forces will resist, if the Japanese attempt to seize the city.

It is reported that artillery units belonging to the Seventh Brigade have rushed from Pelyuan to Luangchow, and Chang Hsueh-liang's troops at Luangchow have been ordered to concentrate at Chiehshihmon.—Reuter.

Sungari River Trade.

Harbin, Yesterday. Because of the continued war conditions and the general sense of insecurity in North Manchuria, practically all navigation and trade on the Sungari River has been brought to a standstill.

Troop Withdrawals.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Government has decided to withdraw all troops from Shanghai within a month.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Japanese Fourteenth Division embarked at Woosung this morning and is sailing for Dairen.—Reuter.

Japan's Position.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Foreign Office spokesman disclosed that the Cabinet at yesterday's session decided to withdraw the entire expeditionary force from Shanghai within a month. The Ninth Division is returning to its peace station at Kanazawa. "The decision is due to the Government's desire to conform to world opinion and to prove that Japan has no territorial or other ulterior motives in despatching troops to Shanghai," declared the spokesman.

Although it was previously intended to maintain a semi-permanent garrison at least of a division, the latest decision entails the return to the conditions existing prior to the January outbreak. As far as Japan's strength in Shanghai is concerned, only a small force of bluejackets are remaining to protect Japanese residents. All other troops are returning to Japan.

Terms of Armistice.

While hopeful that the Chinese will strictly observe the terms of the armistice and permit Chinese troops to enter the twenty kilometre zone, the spokesman said that Japan would hold the other Powers and world opinion accountable if the Japanese withdrawal results in fresh menace to Shanghai.

"The Japanese feel that they have fought the battles of other nations as well as their own in Shanghai and gained only worldwide odium."—Reuter.

No Zone Fixed.

Shanghai, Yesterday. "No proposal was ever discussed or mentioned, regarding a 20-kilometre zone, and if such a proposal had been brought up the Chinese would have rejected it instantly," said Mr. Quo Tai-chi when interviewed regarding Tokyo's declaration.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi called attention to the Chinese declaration in respect of Article 2 of the armistice agreement—"That it is understood that nothing in this agreement implies any permanent restriction on movements of Chinese troops in Chinese territory."—Reuter.

Nanking Watching.

Nanking, Yesterday. General satisfaction has been expressed here with the announcement of the withdrawal of the Japanese troops from Shanghai within a month, but officials are closely watching the situation in Manchuria and North China.—Reuter.

FOREIGN TRADE OF FRANCE.

Paris, May 4. Foreign imports into France during the first quarter of 1932 amounted to 6 milliard 63 million francs, as against 10 milliard 243 million for the same period of 1931. Imports from China totaled 87 million francs, instead of 181, and those from Japan were recorded at 88 million francs instead of 68. Exports to foreign countries totaled 4 milliard 193 million francs, as against 3 milliard 500 million for the same period of 1931. Exports to Japan were 1 milliard 500 million francs, as against 1 milliard 100 million for the same period of 1931.

SILK PRICES TUMBLE IN SHANGHAI.

"Cheap Sales"
Everywhere.

The drop in the price of silk and the superabundance of stocks throughout the world is having repercussions in Shanghai, and all the local silk shops are announcing "cheap sale" and "bargains in silk."

So now is the time to buy! One silk shop in Nanking Road announces reductions of 20 to 50 per cent, so it looks as if our local "Beau Brummels" will be able to lay in a stock of silk shirts, mufflers, handkerchiefs and what not at really cheap rates this Spring. In fact, there has been such a tumble in silk prices, especially since the Japanese Government's announcement of its intention to unload its reserves, made last week, that we may look forward to wearing silk garments instead of linen for a season as a matter of course and "Prouder than rustling in unpaid-for silk," as Shakespeare has it, need no longer be of application.

The feminine part of the population may be depended upon to make some choice bargains and we shall see the results enlivening our streets without a doubt. The mere male is more limited in regard to the possible applications of silks, of course, but, nevertheless, now that the hot weather is coming he can sport a nice silk suit instead of the more customary and the usually more economical one of white drill.

Perhaps even our Soviet friends, in view of the new situation, may be prompted to revise their strictures. According to information recently received from Moscow, a book has been published there containing 580 paragraphs governing the behaviour of members of Soviet embassies and trade organizations in foreign countries. Some of these regulations make queer reading and one paragraph lays down that "Care should also be taken that officials are not too well dressed, and silk underclothing must not be worn."

SCIENTIST DISCOVERS SECRET OF YOUTH.

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Uncertainty Gone. Sir Arthur Keith explained the results attained to a "Sunday Express" representative.

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"But now, with the production of Dr. Butenandt's crystals, we have the substance pure, and unaltered."

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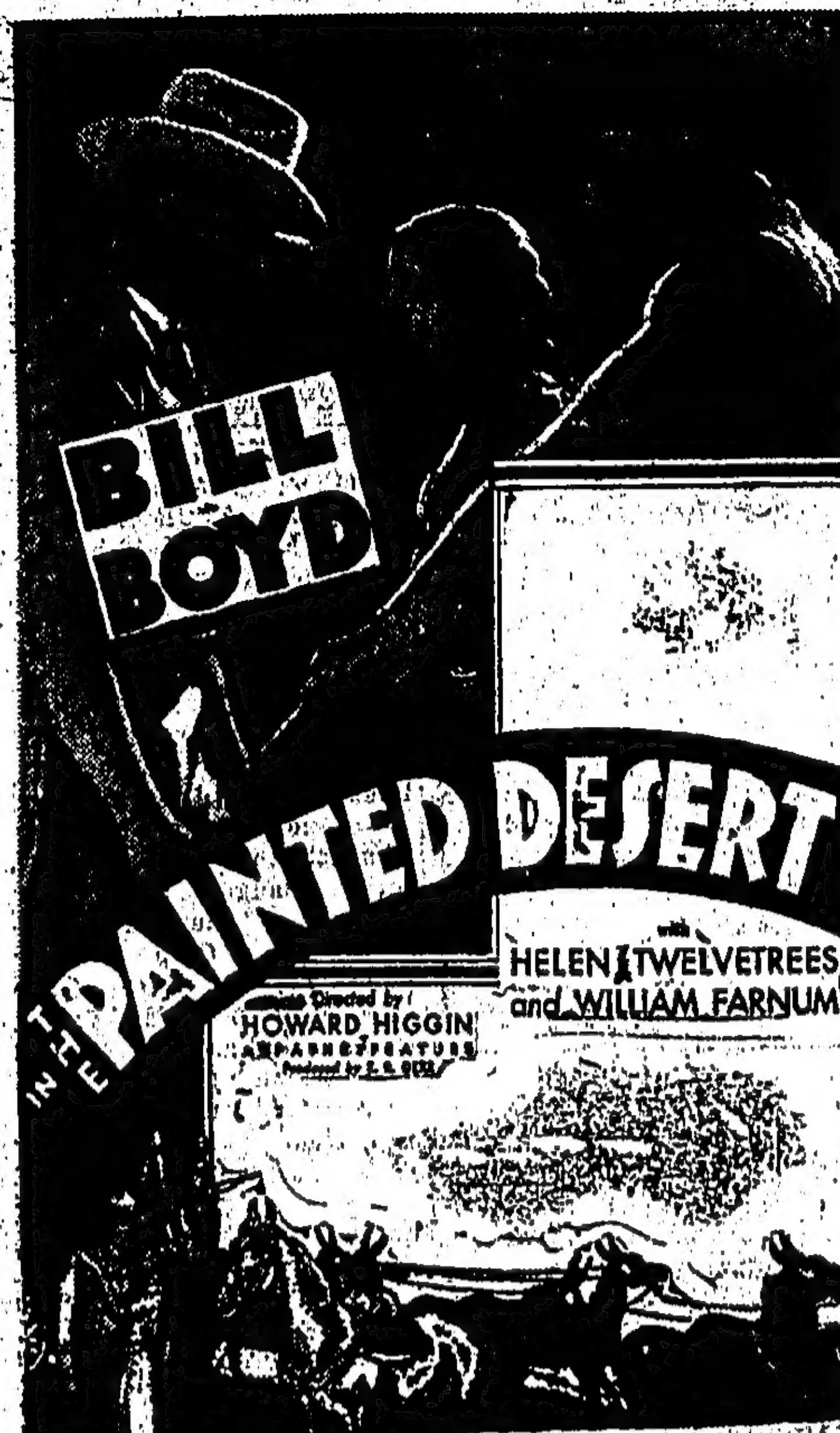
It is too early to discuss those possible results in detail, but in the matter of rejuvenation, "along with improved effects may be hoped for. At the same time, it would be foolish to anticipate miracles."



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One Zeiss Ikon Kinamo Cinema Camera for full size film, complete with all accessories and nearly 3,000 feet of film.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers. Hong Kong; May 12, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 14th May, and on MONDAY, 16th May, 1932, commencing at 2 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including Tax, for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order. S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th May, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 19th May, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th May, 1932, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, May 10, 1932.

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SHARE MARKET.

Lack of Interest in Movements.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: A quieter tone prevailed at the opening session this morning, and there is a lack of interest in market movements.

Sales. Hong Kong Bank, \$1,630/1,540. Hong Kong Realities, \$11.35. Dairy Farms, \$28.

Buyers. Canton Insurances, \$1,240. Douglass, \$26 1/2. Union Waterboats, \$19 1/4. Benguet Explorations, 31 cents. Providents (Old), \$4.85. Hong Kong Lands, \$77 1/2. Shanghai Lands, \$12.50. Humphreys, \$15. Peak Tram (Old), \$15 1/2. Yaumati Ferries (Old), \$31 1/2. Yaumati Ferries (New), \$30 1/2. Hong Kong Electric, \$73.65. Cements (Comb.), \$18.20. Sinceres, \$17 1/2. Constructions (New), \$1.70. Govt. Loans, 2 1/4% Premium. Sellers. South China Motors "B", \$12. South China Enterprises, \$8 3/4.

NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S.

OVER THE WALL

JAMES DUNN SALLY EILERS MAE MARSH in her triumphal return to the screen Directed by HENRY KING A Fox Picture

Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Hong Kong is at present facing a serious drought. According to a statement issued to the Press by the Director of Public Works, Hong Kong's water supply will last for eleven weeks—seventy-seven days. The authorities have been compelled to restrict the water supply first to ten hours a day, and then to seven hours. Great hardship is being felt by the Chinese who are now queuing up at the street hydrants throughout the day. Views on the water shortage expressed by several of the Colony's leading men are printed in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

After over a fortnight's controversy in the Press, in which the candidates themselves took an active part, the election for the vacancy on the Sanitary Board was decided on May 10 at the Supreme Court, Dr. Li Shu-lan, F.R.C.S., gaining the verdict by an overwhelming margin over Kowloon's nominee, Mr. F. C. Mow Fung. Canvassing was keen at the poll, a full story of which is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

"Just like Monte Carlo," was the mutual opinion of the two famous Chaplin brothers, Charlie and Syd, when they first saw Hong Kong on May 10, from the deck of the s.s. Terukuni Maru, after their arrival.

Charlie was enthusiastic in his praise of the Colony, and greatly admired the Chinese Film Studios at North Point. The visit is reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

PUBLIC TRIAL ASKED FOR NOULENS.

Dr. Tsai Addresses Appeal to Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Nanking, May 3. That a public trial should be accorded Mr. and Mrs. Noulens, alleged communists charged with subversive activities against the National Government, and that they should be permitted to engage legal assistance in their defence, are requested by Dr. Tsai Yuan-pai, President of the Central Research Institute, in a telegram to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan.

In view of the international interest now focussed on this case, Dr. Tsai states, and of the efforts being made by many leaders of the intelligentsia in Europe and America on their behalf, full publicity should be given the trial and all assistance permitted by law should be accorded the prisoners.

Continuing, Dr. Tsai declares that at this moment when China is seeking justice and sympathy from the world, she should not fail to offer justice and sympathy to others. "This is my humble opinion, and I respectfully await your prudent decision," he concludes.

WATER RETURN.

All Reservoirs Below Overflow.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on May 1, 1932, were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1931	1932
Ty-tam	21'11" B	33' 6" B
Ty-tam Byewash	19' 6" B	22' 6" B
Ty-tam Intermediate	19' 6" B	49' 6" B
Ty-tam Tuk	40' 5" B	50' 6" B
Wong Nei Chung	18'11" B	28' 6" B
Pokfulum	15'10" B	24' 6" B
Aberdeen Upper	—	50' 6" B
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow.")

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Ty-tam	228.93	156.48
Ty-tam Byewash	8.65	1.19
Ty-tam Intermediate	103.05	28.80
Ty-tam Tuk	519.75	478.76
Wong Nei Chung	10.67	6.71
Pokfulum	32.32	16.65
Aberdeen Upper	—	22.59
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

Total 993.37 710.15

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	234.67	248.20
Estimated population	410,000	382,750
Consumption per head per day	19.1	21.6

Includes 23.38 million gallons from Mainland.

April, 1931.—From April 1 to 24, a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rides Main Districts. From April 25 to 30 a constant house supply was given in all Rides Main Districts. From April 31 Mainland water was supplied to the Central District of the City.

April, 1932.—From April 1 to 30, a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rides Main Districts. Kowloon.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	18' 1" B	0' 2" B
Kowloon Byewash	—	49' 6" B
Shik Lai Pui	—	—

Reservoir

Shik Mun Reception

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	206.16	60.52
Kowloon Byewash	22.00	42.05
Shik Lai Pui	107.34	77.00
Shik Mun Reception	18.01	32.49

Total 353.51 212.60

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	189.55	152.24
Estimated population	285,000	298,800
Consumption per head per day	16.8	17.0

Constant supply in all Districts during April, 1931 and 1932.

The reports of the Government Bacteriologic and Analyst show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall recorded by Royal Observatory from January 1 to April 30, 1931, 12.98; from January 1 to April 30, 1932, 8.435.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, May 12, 1932.

Next Settlement Day, Wednesday, May 25, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Form	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks						
Hong Kong Bank	1380	1540	121	100	1931	Feb. 29, 32
Chartered Bank	101	101	101	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	17	17	17	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Bank of Asia	115	115	115	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.	25	25	25	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Insurance						
Canton Ins.	1340	1340	1340	100	1931	Pending
Union Ins.	490	490	490	100	1931	Pending
China Underwriters	4	4	4	100	1931	Pending
China Fire Ins.	690	690	690	100	1931	Pending
H. K. Fire Ins.	1195	1195	1195	100	1931	Pending
International Ascr. Co.	4	4	4	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Shipping						
Douglas	261	261	261	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
H. K. Steamboat	38	38	38	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Indo-China (Pref.)	45	45	45	100	1931	June 15, 32
(Def.)	59	59	59	100	1931	June 15, 32
Shells Bearer	307 1/2	307 1/2	307 1/2	100	1931	July 6, 32
Union Waterboat	101	101	101	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Mining						
Benguet	151	151	151	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Kailash Mining Ad. S.	35	35	35	100	1931	Dec. 31, 32
Langkai (Single)	4	4	4	100	1931	May 2, 32
S'hai Exploration	2.10	2.10	2.10	100	1931	May 2, 32
Loans	3	3	3	100	1931	May 2, 32
Rauha	24	24	24	100	1931	Feb. 6, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields	2	2	2	100	1931	Mar. 15, 32
Benguet Explorations	310	310	310	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Docks	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2	100	1931	Mar. 10, 32
South Ch. Docks (A)	10	10	10	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
China Provident (old)	4.85	4.85	4.85	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
(new)	3.30	3.30	3.30	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
Hongkong	225	225	225	100	1931	Mar. 31, 32
N. Engineering	6	6	6	100	1931	Pending
Shanghai Docks	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	100	1931	July 25, 32



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M.V. COL DI LANA (cargo boat)	June 4	July 2
* S.S. CONTE ROSSO (passenger boat)	July 8	July 17
M.V. TERGESTEA (cargo boat)	July 6	Aug. 3

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SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.	HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday, 24th May.
HIYE MARU	Tuesday, 7th June.	
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.	SUWA MARU	Saturday, 14th May.
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 28th May.	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	KITANO MARU	Saturday, 28th May.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 25th June.	
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	+ TOTTORI MARU	Sunday, 29th May.
KAGA MARU	Saturday, 11th June.	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	HEIYO MARU	Saturday, 21st May.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	LIVERPOOL via Saigon, Port Said, Marseilles, Genoa & Valencia.	
+ TOYOOKA MARU	Saturday, 14th May.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	+ MALACCA MARU	Sunday, 15th May.
+ TOKUSHIMA MARU	Sunday, 29th May.	
KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	+ DUREAN MARU	Saturday, 14th May.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 18th May.	
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Montevideo Maru	Mon., 23rd May
MOMBA SA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN.	Africa Maru	Tues., 7th June
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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.		
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).		
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROT- TERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Andes Maru	Tues., 7th June
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kinai Maru	Fri., 20th May
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Shunko Maru	Thurs., 19th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Honolulu Maru	Fri., 20th May
KEELING via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sun- day).		
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.		
YAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Nons).	Deli Maru	Thurs., 19th May

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS

Tuesday, May 10.	Swatow, Chn On Wharf.—Chiu On & Co.
Antenor, British str., 6,809 tons, Capt. R. J. Woodgett, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—B. & S.	Iyo Maru, Japanese str., 3,663 tons, Capt. A. Itoh, from Shanghai, buoy No. A9.—N.Y.K.
Wednesday, May 11.	Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Captain J. H. Hodgkiss, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Chekang, British str., 1,813 tons, Capt. F. H. Graybrook, from Dairen, buoy No. C5.—B. & S.	New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. R. Mitchell, from Hoilhow and Sama Bay, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Yik Tai S.S. Co.
Empress of Asia, British str., 8,883 tons, Capt. Lovegrove, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.R.	Norviken, Norwegian str., 1,779 tons, Capt. F. E. Ulstead, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.
Graciosa, Norwegian str., 1,029 tons, Capt. A. Markussen, from Bangkok, buoy No. B17.—Thoresen & Co.	Seattle, American str., 5,451 tons, Capt. C. W. Hawking, from Kobe, buoy No. A17.—A.M.L.
Haiching, British str., 1,284 tons, Capt. C. H. Tarrar, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.	Shun Chih, British str., 1,283 tons, Capt. W. Lee from Saigon, buoy No. B18.—Wo Fat Sing.
Hongkhang, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, buoy No. A10.—Ho Thong & Co.	Takamisan Maru, Japanese str., 1,099 tons, Capt. T. Satow, from Hongay, Kowloon Bay.—M.B.K.
Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 1,383 tons, Capt. T. Kawamata, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.	Tehekam, Chinese str., 808 tons, Capt. Lai Yee, from Hoilhow, buoy No. C6.—Wo On & Co.
Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Wel-hai-wai, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.	Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from	

CLEARANCES.

Wednesday, May 11.
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Gaarderkerk, for Manila.
Hamburg Maru, for Moji.
Hongkhang, for Swatow.
Mentor, for Shanghai.
Kwangtung, for Canton.
Michael Jensen, for Bangkok.
Cremor, for Swatow.
Sungshan Maru, for Canton.
Tascalusa, for San Pedro.
Tsinan, for Amoy.
Yatsing, for Swatow.

CUNARD LOSSES.

Falling Off in Atlantic
Passenger Traffic.

The report of the Cunard Steam Ship Company for the year ended December 31, shows a net loss, after providing for full depreciation and Debenture interest, of \$553,204. The directors write that:

Atlantic passenger traffic showed a marked falling off, even on the diminished returns of the previous year. This can be ascribed largely to the conditions prevailing both in the United States and Canada, resulting not only in a serious shrinkage in ordinary travel, but also in a complete cessation of emigration. To minimize losses arrangements were made with certain of our Conference colleagues to avoid the operation of redundant tonnage.

Tourist class travel having become such a marked feature of the North Atlantic trade, it was decided during the year, with the object of adding to the amenities for this class, to abandon the carriage and second-class passengers on the Southampton service. This latter class has now been abolished on all the company's steamers. The ships of the company continue to make cruising voyages of varying duration both from New York and the United Kingdom. The number of short trips of this character available on both sides of the Atlantic has been increased. In the Atlantic cargo trades, as well as in the Liverpool-Mediterranean and French trades the depressed conditions of 1930 continued throughout the year and traffic all round showed a further decrease.

The company's Australian and New Zealand services which have been carried on satisfactorily, have regard to the adverse conditions prevailing generally.

It is pointed out that work on the new ship under construction at Clydebank has not been resumed and a note to the balance-sheet states that there is a liability on the contract for the vessel, the amount being unspecified.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Sirdhana left Kobe for this port on May 10, and is due here on May 15.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Manila	President Jefferson
Japan and Shanghai	Somali
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	
(London, April 28)	Suwa Maru
SATURDAY, MAY 14.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Sul Yang
Japan and Shanghai	Chichibu Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, April 15)	President Monroe
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, April 14)	Kum Sang
SUNDAY, MAY 15.	
Shanghai	Conte Rosso
Japan	Sirdhana

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

Samshui and Wuchow	Sanning	4 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon	4.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 13.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	1 p.m.
Port Bayard and Hoilhow	Tehekam	1.30 p.m.
Manila	Seattle	4.30 p.m.

Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Jefferson
	(Due Victoria, B.C., May 31.)
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	President Jefferson
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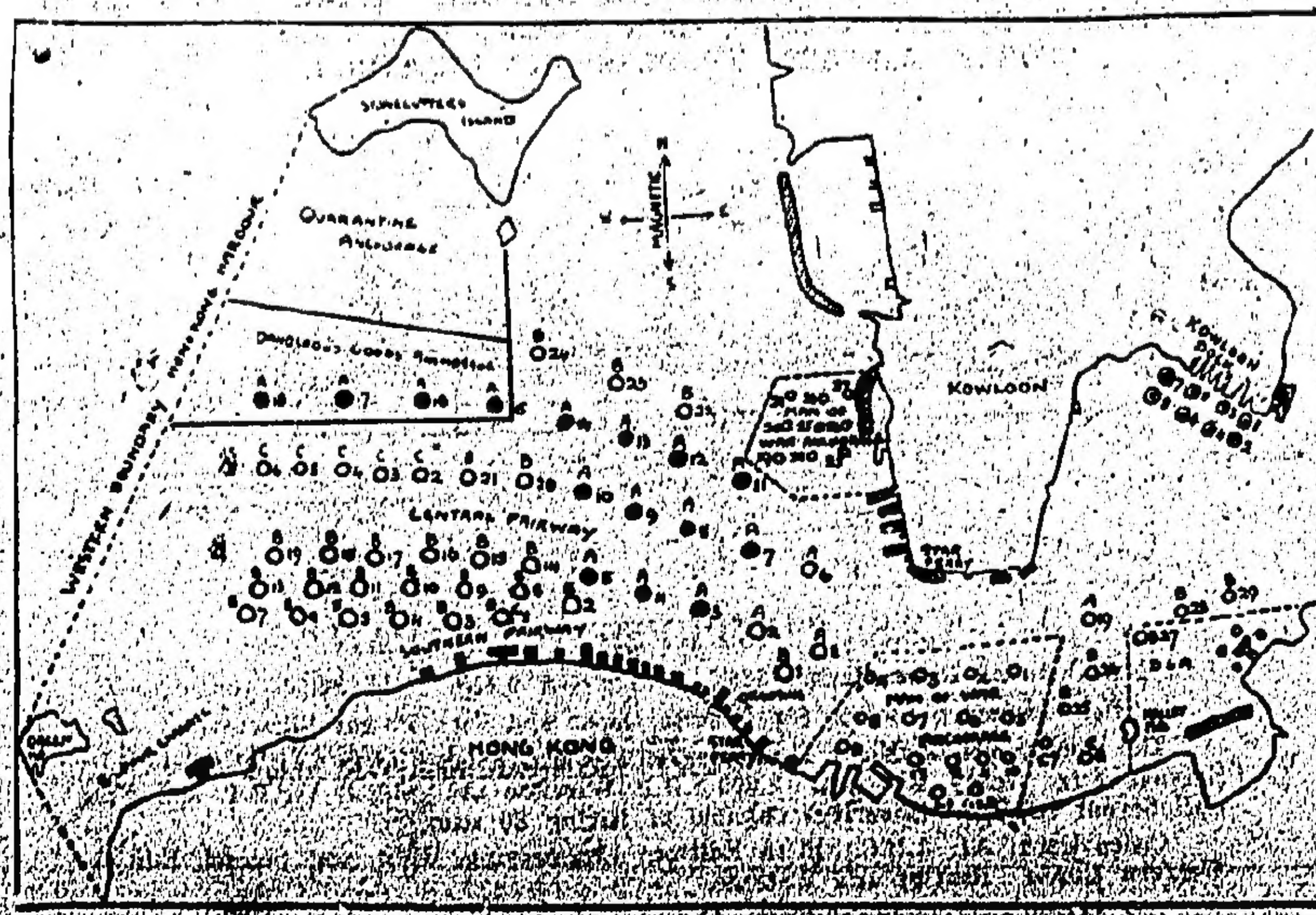
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Suwa Maru	(Due Marseilles, June 13.)
G.P.O.	
Registration May 13, 4.30 p.m.	Registration May 14, 8.45 a.m.
Letters .. May 14, 9 a.m.	Letters .. 9.30 a.m.

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Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4	July 6	July 8	July 14	July 19	Aug. 1
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23	Aug. 1	Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	July 23	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 15	Aug. 15
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 26	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 15
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 25	Sept. 25
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 6	Oct. 11	Oct. 11

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MR. THOMAS WARNS THE FREE STATE THREAT TO REFUSE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

LANSBURY WILL ASK FOR
DEBATE.

BREACH OF OBLIGATIONS

London, Yesterday.

A warning that if the Irish Free State Bill to abolish the Oath of Allegiance became law, the British Government might refuse to enter into negotiations with the Free State Government in connection with the Import Duties Act, was issued by the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. George Lansbury, the Leader of the Opposition, said he doubted whether it was of advantage to discuss the matter until it had been before the Free State Senate. He asked for a debate when the Oath Bill's fate is decided at Dublin.

The British Government's attitude towards the Irish Free State Oath Bill was further defined in the House of Commons to-day by the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas.

He was asked whether it was the Government's intention to enter into negotiations with the Free State Government with regard to the application to the Irish Free State of the Import Duties Act after November 15.

Replying, Mr. Thomas said: "The provisions contained in the Bill to abolish the Oath are in direct conflict with the obligations undertaken by the Irish Free State under the treaty of 1921."

Debate Asked For.

"It appears to His Majesty's Government that if the Bill becomes law it would be unreasonable to expect that they should enter into negotiations for further agreements with a Government which had thus repudiated an agreement already entered into."

The Opposition Leader, Mr. George Lansbury, said that as the Bill had not yet been to the Free State Senate he doubted whether it was of advantage to discuss the question, but when matter was settled he would ask for a debate.

Mr. Baldwin promised his favourable consideration.—British Wireless Service.

BOMBSHELL IN DUBLIN.

Drastic Free State
Budget.

TAX ON DANCES AND
HORSE RACES.

Levy on Hospital
Sweepstakes.

Dublin, Yesterday.

Drastic Budget proposals, including increases of the entertainment tax on dances and horse racing, engrossed the attention of the Irish Dail to-day, when the question of the Oath of Allegiance, discussed simultaneously in the House of Commons by the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, in a speech in which he threatened to refuse negotiations with the Free State if the Bill were passed, was almost forgotten.

The question of the Oath of Allegiance was forgotten by the Dail when Budget was presented to-day.

It contained some very striking proposals, one of these being an enlarged entertainment tax, including dances, horse and greyhound races, and a levy of 25 per cent. on the Hospital's share of the proceeds of sweepstakes drawn after March 1 last, which is estimated to yield £85,000.

Income tax has been raised from 3/6d. to 5/- and there is a 1/4d. per copy tax certain imported newspapers.—Reuter.

DIRECTORS' FEES INCREASED.

Messrs. A. S. Watson &
Co., Limited.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

A resolution for increasing the Directors' fees was unanimously passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the members and shareholders of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., which was held in the Hong Kong Hotel this morning.

Mr. Henry Humphreys presided, and there were present Messrs. A. H. White, J. Scott Harston, and A. B. Stewart (Directors), J. A. Tarrant (Secretary), and J. D. Humphreys, D. E. Clark, G. E. Divett, J. L. Quile, J. M. Wong, Lee Wal-cheung, and Wong Kin-soi (Shareholders).

In outlining the purpose of the meeting the Chairman said that he had very little to add to the remarks he made at the last annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders in respect of the proposed alterations in the Articles of Association, (namely that the Directors' fees have remained at the same figures since 1901 when the Company's business was far smaller than it is to-day).

The Chairman then proposed the resolution which was seconded by Mr. J. M. Wong and passed. A confirmatory meeting will be held at 11.30 a.m. on May 28.

SMART POLICE CAPTURE.

Theft of Electric
Fans.

TWO MEN JAILED.

A smart capture by the Police in a pawnshop in Yaumatei yesterday morning, resulted in the appearance of two Chinese, Cho Yu and Kwong Ming before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, charged with the theft of two electric fans, the property of the China Mail.

Mr. D. C. Wilson, Manager of the China Mail appeared in Court as the complainant.

Detective-Sergeant D. Fitches said that the second man was arrested while pawning one of the fans, for \$8. He pointed out the first defendant, and when questioned both

VICTORIA GAP MURDER.

A Prisoner Details His
Movements.

Cheung Man, one of the three prisoners in the Victoria Gap Murder case, was questioned in detail by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood with regard to his movements on the day of the alleged murder.

The accused are Cheung Tze-san, and Cheung Sau-fu, who are charged with the murder of Tsang Tai-kai on February 18. The case is proceeding.

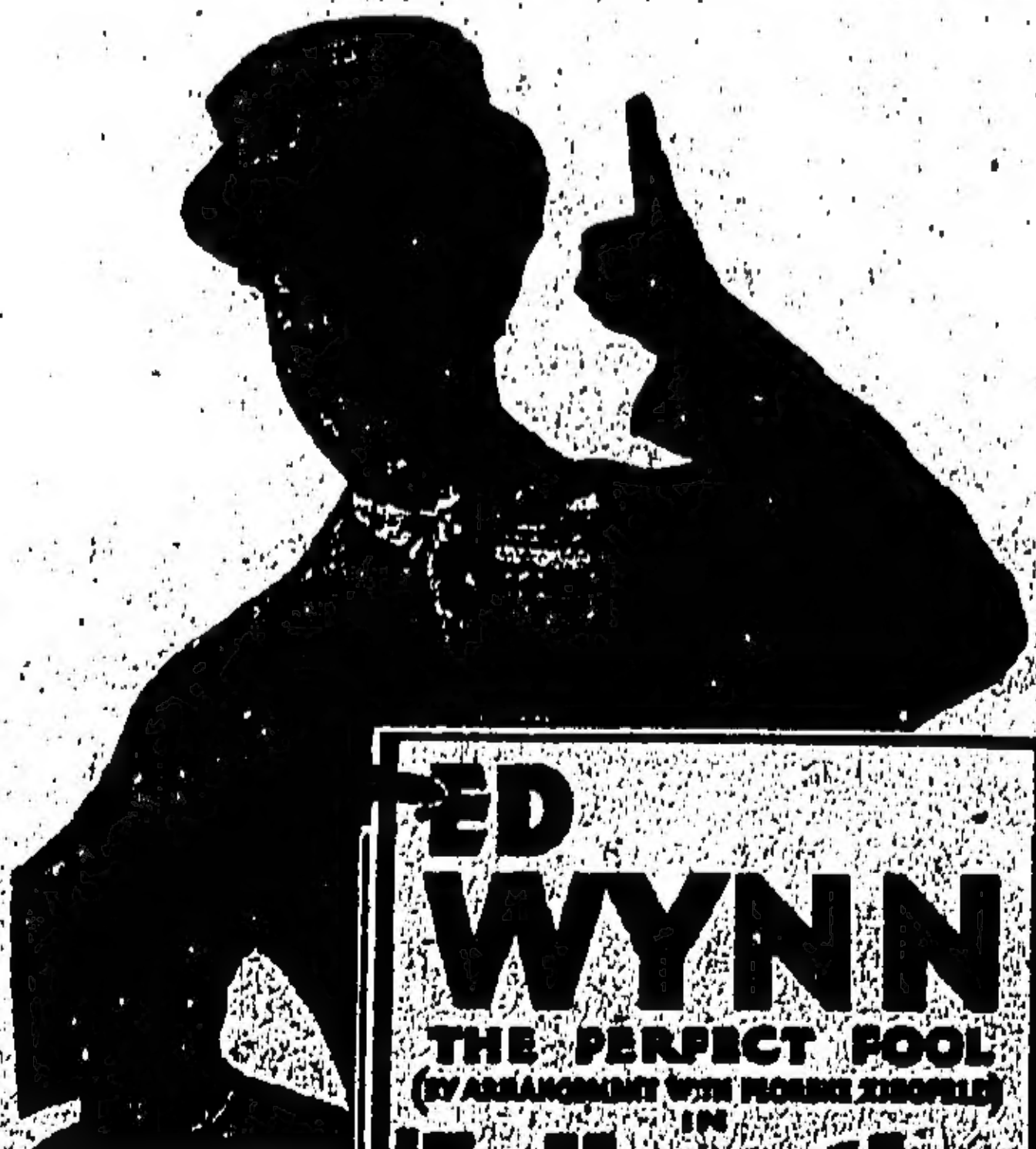
admitted stealing two fans.

They gained entrance in the early hours of yesterday, by one standing on the other's back, and climbing through a fan-light. First defendant was employed as a substitute coolie.

Both defendants were sentenced to six weeks' hard labour each.

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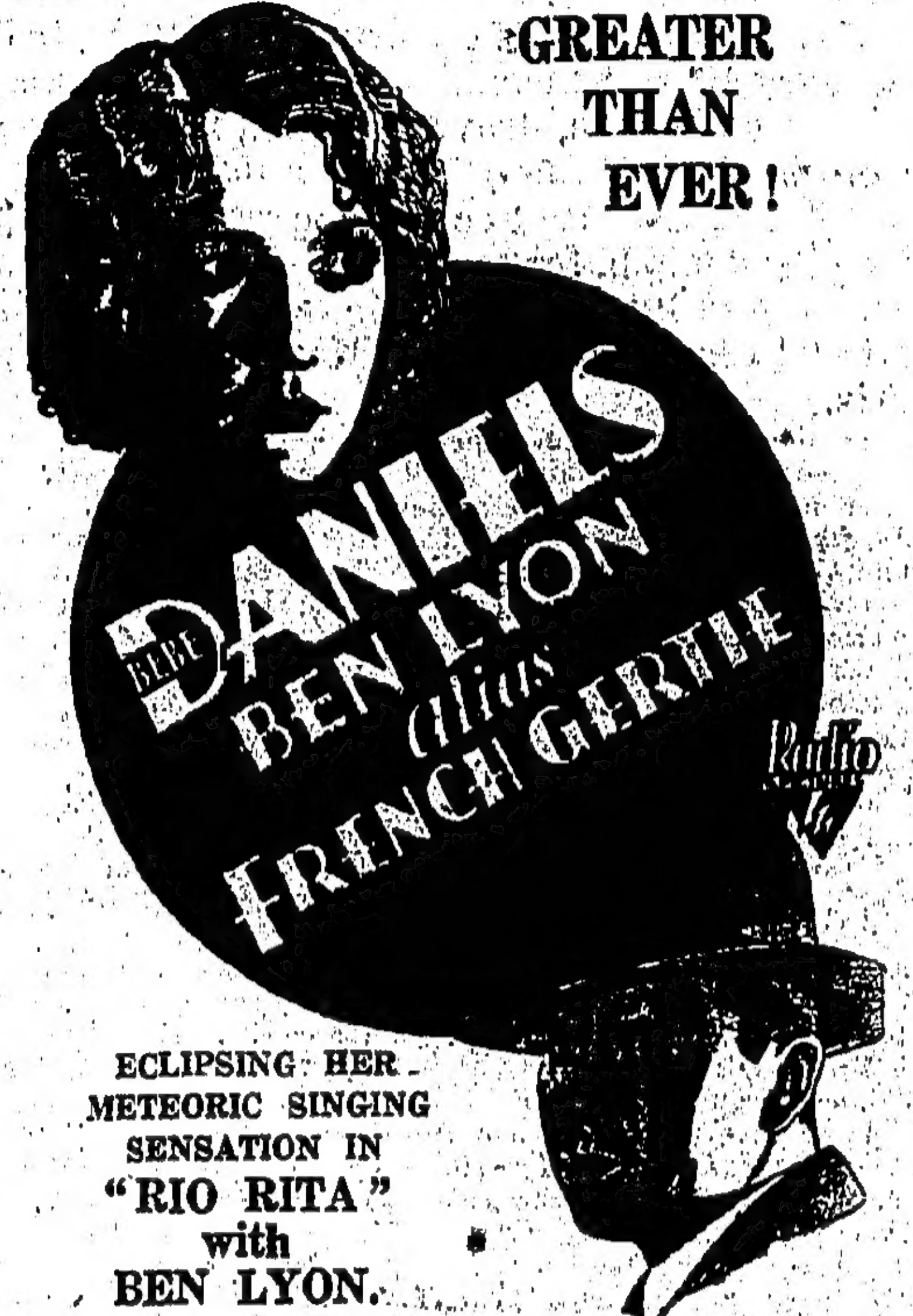
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